THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dear Brother:-

We want to get out a new campaign document. "Fresh Facts" has been a good title, perhaps we will make that the title of the new leaflet. We want to hear from all parts of the field and yet we must make the leaflet short. What fresh facts have you on your field? Please look the thing over and give us, boiled down, enough for your share.

Second. You see that the December number of the "Church at Home and Abroad" has for its Monthly Concert, Missionary Work in the Whole Country. After the meetings of the Presbyteries and Synods, we want you to tell us that. What about the spiritual condition of your work; is there peace and harmony; are the workers doing well? Some of them, we know, need your watching; some have not first rate judgment; some have very little energy. You cannot of course specify individual cases very much, but we would like you to furnish us with what would be helpful to us in that line.

Third. In the Presbyteries and Synods, can't you give a direction and impetus to the missionary work in your bounds? We fail greatly in getting men; what are we to do? Can't you work up the spirit of revival; can't you encourage the brethren in that direction? You ~~s~~ll our additions on profession this year are not as many as they were last year. We need a wide spread revival of religion. Can't you talk it up? Pray over it. Have your beginning of it in the meetings of Presbytery and Synod. Please write us in due season and with care.

Yours truly,

H. Kendall

Juneau, Alaska
Oct. 1. 1888.

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:— I hear — this evening — that Mr. Johnston has told the children to stay away from school — because, he thinks at the next meeting of the Board he will be appointed to take my place. I shall "pursue the even tenor of my way" until you come — Oh, I am so anxious to see you.

Will you please send Judge Heath on

the subject & bring me word as to his views.

I hear Mr. Johnston is looking for much help from Judge Shakelly — what think you?

In Haste —

Rhoda A. Lee.

Yr. Sincere
Friendness &
Cousin.

Yr.

Alaska
Kasta Bay Oct. 6th 18

Mr. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear sir

I have always thought that my children would be well off there in that industrial school. but I have heard so many times that they are not; and that they even doesn't look like themselves and almost working themselves to death, I have given you my children to be educated in reading and writing and talk good english. but they are doing nothing but hard work, I think they will work themselves to death before 2 years, in the early days the indians new nothing and now every indian knows better, you are getting big taking care of the children that are there, and they not see

that they are improving and learning something better and have something good to eat,,
and I hope you will be kind enough ~~them~~ to think of them as your own children; Their father was a white man and they were not very well stand as much hard ships as those rough indians,

yours truly
Mrs C. P. Bonnavick

(Copy)

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Department of the Interior,
U. S. BUREAU OF EDUCATION.

SHELDON JACKSON, D. D.,
United States General Agent
Of Education in Alaska.

Territorial Board of Education,

Sitka, Alaska, Oct 8th, 1888

Mr A. J. Davis

Dear Friend

The next Steamer (Oct 22) will probably carry my resignation to Washington. In view of it, some weeks ago, I carried through the Territorial Bd of Edn the following paper - (Here insert letter asking for appointment of Mr Davis Genl Agt, dated Aug 14th 88 & signed by Judge Dawson Presl & Mysef Sec.)

Judge Dawson shares with me in grave apprehensions lest some unsuitable man should secure the place. And as there is also considerable apprehension that the Comr will not allow you sufficient salary to warrant your accepting an appointment, we thought it safer to indicate Judge Sheakley as our second choice, as probably he would accept the

the position at $1400, which I receive. His present position of U.S. Commissioner is only $1000. Mr Kelly informs me that he understands, that Gov Swineford has attempted to prejudice you in the estimation of the Comr of Ed. If this is so you will have to work harder in Washington for the position. If I could have been sure that you would have been appointed, I would have resigned one or two years ago. But the drift of things seemed the other way, and I have held on at great personal sacrifice hoping for a more favorable outlook, until I am unwilling to be seperated from my family any longer.

I presume that Gov Swineford will press Mr G. B. Johnston for the position, as I understand he has been an applicant for over a year past. Mr Kelly has probably written you about Mr Johnston's course up here. He would soon pull down what I have labored for years to build up. There is a screw loose somewhere in his character

If the resignation goes forward, as I now expect, I will telegraph you by the same steamer, so that you will know it, about a week before they do in Washington. If you can secure Congressman Scott's active influence with the Comr of Edn I think you would secure the place Upon receiving my letter following telegram I think it will be wise for you to go on to Washington And if there are any Democratic Congressmen in the City or other prominent officials, or Mr Jenks who will accompany you to Col Dawson, go to see him in person & apply for the position. Also find out what salary will be allowed. If you find you cannot arrange it satisfactorily for yourself then please throw your influence for Judge James Sheakley, who formerly represented Western Pa in Congress. Since the action of the Bd Aug 14, the Body has almost Completely changed. Aug 14th Judge Dawson & Myself were the Board Now Gov Swineford has

returned. Judge Dawson has resigned and Judge Keatley of Council Bluffs been appointed in his place, and Judge James Sheakley and Mr Wm Duncan of Metlakahtla added, so that now the Territorial Bd is composed of five, of whom three are new men We expect a full meeting of the new Bd at Sitka on Oct 20 1900; when I will watch my ~~opportunity~~ chance & try to secure your endorsement from the new Board. I shall return to Carlisle Pa the last of Nov. Please express the Alaska Map to me at 125 S. Hanover St. Carlisle Pa. Praying that God will guide us in these matters and overrule all for his own glory I remain

Very truly Yours -

Sheldon Jackson

P.S. Comr Dawson has written Judge Keatley lately asking his views concerning dividing the field That is leaving S.E. Alaska as at present with a Gen. Agt & Terr Bd.

But cutting off Western Alaska from their jurisdiction and administering it directly from the Bureau at Washington. If this is done I shall apply for the place at Washington; as it will allow my bring with my family during the winter months at least.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Letter to A. J. Davis
Oct 8th 1888.

Howcan
Oct 22nd 1888

Rev Sheldon Jackson DD.

Dear Sir.

Mrs Ham this mail informs me that my request to be releived has been accepted by the Ladys Board
I have written her this mail about Mr Shotter - But I refer her to you for reccommendation
He told me understood a water mill thouroughly - I am still at work - and will stay so until froze out or releived

Very Truly Yours
W. D. McLeod

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[L. R. No._____. 188__]

Signal Service, U. S. Army,

OFFICE OF THE OBSERVER,

(Station) Red Bluff Cala.,

(Date) October 22., 1888

Rev: Sheldon Jackson
Sitka Alaska Ty.

Dear Doctor:

Your letter of Oct. 8. rcd. Oct. 20. and much appreciated I assure you.

I do not intend to give up the fight for my property in the Alaskan. Now I think would be a good time to get Delaney to fight on battles. Will you join with me? I own two shares and am willing to sacrifice their total value in order to make Homeford disgorge some of his ill-gotten ~~[illegible]~~ gains. I am afraid however that very little can be done to him in the premises. I shall write to Delaney this mail and see if there is any hope of making anything at all out of it.

A. T. Lewis the former Clerk has left Los Angeles and has gone up to Portland to

settle down and practice law. He is the only one of the Alaska people I have seen for a year. We hear from the Balls occasionally. Mrs. Gilmore nee Ball has purchased the Va. homested and the whole family are now living there.

We are becoming more reconciled to Red Bluff, though we were pretty nearly roasted alive this summer - just think of a temp. of over 100° in the shade for 4 continuous weeks, and over 90 every day in the summer from July 1. to Sept. 30. We are now enjoying the delightful Indian summer, and are looking forward to a pleasant winter. Mrs. McLean expects to become a mother very shortly about the first part of November and I am wishing it was over.

We are organizing a Protestant Episcopal mission here and I am a member of the choir and one of the charter members. Mrs. McLean joins me in kindest regards.

Very Sincerely Yours
John J. McLean

Mrs W. G. Thomas

Oct. 21

[illegible]

our planes of work here.

I am somewhat afraid that my teaching will be very carnally done. I will find many little difficulties taken off my hands, and, as I will not keep house, nothing will be added.

I will have more church work than usual this winter. Mrs. McKay does not play, and Mr. McKay does not sing.

I will have to be present at every service, both week day and Sabbath. I am very hopeful and happy concerning all the work here.

Mrs. Young is gone. We miss her of course.

My husband joins me in kind regards, and a wish for your continued friendship.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Lydia McAvoy Thomas.

Ans Nov 16.

WOMAN'S
Home Missionary Society
OF THE
Methodist Episcopal Church.
(ALASKAN BUREAU.)

Boston Oct 29 1888.

Dear Dr Jackson

Why no word has come from you was a puzzling. did not know but I should hear that you were in heaven or where you may imagine all my disappointment when no one could go & A. this year then added to this no reply to my letters was nearly distracting. I learn from Mr Zuck that he has had word from you that he is to go in spring & Angus. I supposed Mr Zuck had first-choice. He thought he could go then or later.

Enclosing my letters - I don't know how many - have reached you safely - short - The moment your letter came I sent it to Bro B. waited - waited and waited no answer! Then ~~telegraphed~~ wrote Mr Zuck no answer for a long time then it came from down East. Then came him asking if he could go. Reply will be at your house in few days! Came but could not raise money enough to go at once. Then telegraphed Bro Carr immediately. Last steamer was to sail Sept 5th I sent 10,21 on Zuck & Carr meet mail about three or four days before last steamer left

Mrs L. H. Doggett
Oct. 29th
'80

he found on telling him of
Leila's death. Too late to get ready right to be before
Christmas. We are 6 rooms already named, with one
on the way (Miss Fox whom you know at Washington had 6 rooms
towards the hundred dollars) All lovely news he
raised could I have said as soon as we have the
money the room will be made ready, but with the
indefiniteness he has left the matter, just
let it rest quietly. I am greatly pleased (or would be did
I not feel almost conscience smitten with no more to be
— as we have) at the extending & increasing
depth of interest in this work. Could I have guessed
whether you would I should have written you to ask
if there was any other place which we could name
in which the Commission would take more interest
than ~~Mexico~~ Brazil. When I wrote him about Bro.
Arms (because I did not know where you were) he replied
that Br Arms was not wanted, or needed at Mexico City,
was a simple shame that they could not go there. A letter
from Mrs A. at Concepcion Chile a few days ago, says
she is home for rest then but her heart is in
Mexico. A College graduate could not be sent to Mex.
a Primary school because he could not preach
a word of Spanish

I did not send the circulars because we
your mind be away somewhere I will do so now & you
Do let me hear something definitely in regard to

ack
Nov 8.

Long Beach, Los Angeles Co, Cal.

Dear Dr. Jackson;

I have just written to the Stated Clerk of Presbytery of Alaska for another letter of dismissal, this time to the Presbytery of Los Angeles. You remember mine goes to the Presbytery of San Francisco. I come immediately from Portland to Los Angeles, via Sacramento, having prospects of work, & was almost immediately settled here. I have received & accepted calls from the churches of Long Beach & Wilmington, and arrangements have been made for my installation as soon as my letter can be received & my name enrolled. By the rules of San Francisco

Presb., I would have to await a meeting of that Presb. & appear in Pasadena before it, present my letter & be enrolled & then dismissed to the Presb. of Los Angeles. So the Presb. of Los Angeles directed me to send to Albuquerque for a letter of dismissal to the Presb. of Los Angeles, & directed the Sec. to enroll me on its arrival, & a committee to install me. The churches here & at Wilmington are awaiting the letter that I may be installed.

Will you kindly draw up a paper, sign it & send to Bro. White that he may also sign it & forward at once to me.

I thoroughly enjoyed the meetings of Presb. & Synod at Los Angeles & Pasadena & was mentally & spiritually refreshed. Met many personal friends of yours.

Dr. Irwin & his wife were at Lynn, & so I got the latest news from Alaska.

I am well united in my location here — am by the sea, in a delightful climate & a beautiful country. Am 22 miles from Los Angeles, with R.R. connection. The town is rapidly growing, & the ch, which was only organized in June, has excellent prospects. The society & schools are excellent. Am anxiously awaiting the arrival of my family from Alaska.

I shall send me the Pacific Ch., & have back nos to Aug. sent. If Mrs. F. has not already done so I will subscribe. Please tell me the news & prospects. What will your Mrs. Lowry do?

Remember me kindly to

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Yours in the Work,

[illegible]

Metlakahtla Alaska 5 Nov. 1888

My Dear Dr. Jackson

I expect this note to meet you at Forgan Narrows on your way East. I sent the Silver Spoons by Purser Auen & hope you got them safely.

If you have time to drop me a line by bearer please let me know if I shall continue to send our Monthly Reports of School here - during your absence from Alaska & if so to whom they are to be addressed.

Our School is now very well attended from 120 to 140 in daily attendance.

The two sick boys Alex & Arthur are improving but very slowly. Their trip by Idaho did them more harm in account of the crowding & incessant noise they had to endure.

By this Mail I hope to drop a line or two to the Post Office Authorities. We shall be very sorry if we succeed in getting the

Steamer to come here with the Mail but I think we ought to have the Men who fetch the Mail from the Steamer paid by the Steamer or else by Post Office Authorities. It is hard upon me to have to pay for bringing the Mail every week - when the Steamer does not come in.

The man who usually goes to Jorgens Narrows for our Mail - about 30 miles - there & back - will be willing to contract for the work at the rate of 6$ per trip - he finding canoe & all the help he will require. - On of the year, he would be willing no doubt to do the work for $250. For this he would go every week to Jorgens Narrows, except, the about eight times in the year, when the Steamer comes here with freight.

If we cannot by law receive our Mail nearer than Loring - the expense will be twice as much - if not more & the inconvenience to us would lead

us to beg for the office to be discontinued & let us have our Mails as now - from Sorgans Narrows.

I had hoped by this Mail to have forwarded to Mr Strong at Portland a letter & statement from our people in reference to their property in British Columbia. They are not ready however & so we must try & get them off by next steamer.

It is hard for such a people - as our - struggling ~~[illegible]~~ as they are to make their way to a higher life — to be robbed of their hard earnings and their better impulses checked by such hard treatment as they have to endure. I hope something will be done for them. We must let you have a copy of our affidavits when complete & also list of losses.

Our people are hoping that Mr Strong will draw up a Memorial or petition for them to go to Washington

We shall be very grateful for any help you can render to our ~~[illegible]~~ cause

The weather is very unfavorable for building our School but we are forwarding on — preparing material & the ground.

We have just finished with our first case of liquor selling to Indians. The convicted parties promised to amend their ways. The fine 50.00 will go to Sitka & next steamer.

Hoping you will have a safe journey home & a safe journey back to us

I remain Your sincere friend

W Duncan

I am sending $10.00 to Aaron for face of J Easton

ans Nov 28.

Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions

OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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53 Fifth Avenue, New York, Nov. 7th 1888

Rev. Sheldon Jackson. Sitka - Alaska

Dear Brother in Christ

Yours of Oct. 29th came duly to hand. also one from Mr. McLeod about the same time. We are fully convinced that he will never be able to accomplish anything with the Saw Mill. He has not the stability or business capability necessary. We have been on the lookout all summer for a suitable and competent man to take the place so far without success. Mr. Gould would not do as he has his own work to attend to and we would know no more about the financial part of the business than we do now as it is not possible to get a satisfactory

statement in regard to work in his own department. ~~I presume~~ Probably whatever number has been made has been used in the Home building there - regardless of the object for which the money was sent. We are discouraged as you may readily imagine about this sawmill business - so much money expended and so little realized.

We cannot do our work as Mr. Duncan does. He has one station and has the entire supervision of it in all of its departments. We do our work at arms length - and no one of the Board who go there take time to investigate or ~~supe~~ inspect thoroughally any one station. I learned less than a week ago that Dr Irving has been there in his recent trip. I do not think that any of the N. Ex. Com. knew that he was going so far North.

A great affliction has come upon Mr and Mrs. Gould - in the death last week of their Daughter.

and the saddest part of it is that Mrs. G. was absent attending the Synodical meeting at New Castle Pa., at the time she had been away from her, attending meetings nearly six weeks, supposing the daughter was convalescing. We feel this deeply,—fearing we were not considerate enough—altho' no one of us would for the world have kept her from her dear child if we had suspected such a termination to this sickness. We can only ask our Father to sustain her and her husband, for under such trying circumstances no human words can be spoken. Job. 2. 13. expresses our feelings. Enclosed please find a check from Mr. Hams for money from your investment with him. We unite with you in kindest remembrance and love, and are content with that you may be kept in health, physically and spiritually.

Yours in Christ

Cornelia E. Ham

(Mrs. Jas. H.)

Metlakahtla. Alaska
Metlakahtla 19 Nov. 1888

My Dear Dr. Jackson

I received your letter by Sealer entering Wrangell this last week & forwarded it to Washington.

I regret very much the action of the School Board in refusing to the Reservation & Corporate boundaries. Nothing appears to me to be more essential in education. Of all places in the world Alaska — so barren of attractions — is the very last place in the world to depend on other than effective help to right training.

I suppose you will be hearing little of this State. Every day on a long or longer voyage

I am anxious before Dr. Kelly or — discover the cause of ill health among the Metlakahtla Boys. The parents of four more of the boys have been to me complaining this morning in regard to the health of their children, in consequence of the news brought them by J. Leslie, in thinking over the matter — I think your very warm school room is the main thing to say to the parents. I fear the boys heat the stove too much and after breathing hot air for some hours rush headlong into the cold air and not always give due regard to their wraps.

You saw the open chimney in our school. We have no fire, and though 150 in attendance have not one sick

Mr. Kelly says he will write you on the subject of the cold & confined air in school rooms. Yours respectfully

Washington, D. C., ..., 188 .

Sir:

You will please inform this Office, BY INDORSEMENT ON THE BACK OF THIS LETTER, as to the standing in the community, and the general reputation for truth, of * .....

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last known residence .....

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affiant in ..... pension claim of .....

....., of Co. ....., ... Reg't, ...

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Very respectfully,

W. W. Dudley

Commissioner.

To .....

Special Examiner,

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*A separate blank should be used for each witness.

☞ Where "affiant's means of knowledge of facts testified to" is required, Special Examiners are instructed to interview the witnesses on this point; when it is not required, it is sufficient to ascertain and report his reputation for truth.

the Existing conditions.
He should certainly release
her from her vows
to him — Haldane —
Will you look after the
matter and let us know —
Please remind Haldane of
his promise and the matter
injustice to Matilda and ask
him to attend to the matter
immediately that I may
relieve the anxiety of —
bearing this their relation-
ship of our most ex-
emplary Hydohs,
Fraternally
J. Loomis Lawl

(No 1st)
S Jackson

New Metlakahtla
Alaska
November 11th 1884

Dear Sir.

I sent these few words to you ~~that~~ concerning my son Abel. He wanted to school where you are. he only told to me, and I let him there, because they have heard concerning your business. and they heard you will come. Since we saw you came here, to carry our children there. We know you are Great Doctor, we wrote our name about our children how long they will stay in those schools at Sitka. But ~~with~~ we did n't ~~know~~ our duty, ~~how~~ how long they will be in school.

I heard concerning my
son Abel that he got
sick in his eyes about
6 weeks, so I sent you
a short. Though you are
in good business at our
children, to God in heaven.
If my son will sick so
much, I beseech you to sent
him back here. Dear Sir.
for you know that we
keeps our children so care
for they are more worth.
For I want you to help
my child to know the
mighty God in heaven,
and to help my heart.
about my son there, suppose
he would sick so much, and
will hard for me. I asked
you to obey my voice. about
my son Abel

Harry Karlton

New Metlaka'a
Alaska
(No 2) Nov 12. 1888

Mr S. Jackson

Dear Sir,

If you find my poor letter to you there. I know you are in truth of God in the modest way. I wish you to answer to me here if you know concerning my son Abel. Now Dear Sir. At this end of my words now. I guess you respected for God will paid you.

I know you came here at Port Chester last spring. I sent my loving thanks to you for you works for our children.

Yours Truly
Harry Karlton.

ESTABLISHED 1865.

Coyle, McCandlish & Co.

Wholesale Grocers,

615 Market & No. 606 Commerce Sts.

Philadelphia Nov 13th 1888.

My dear Mr Miller –

Possibly you may have read the enclosed slip, which I cut from last evenings Telegraph. The whole thing is simply horrible; what must be the details? I wondered, as I read it, if there could not be something done – and thought it possible Bryn Mawr Church might be accepted by God as a medium to at least start the work of reform. I know how you heart will go out with mine for these poor wretches. What would you think of this suggestion – if there is any doubt in your mind as to the correctness of this report, for you to write Mr Jackson in regard to it – if substantiated by him, let a few of our active members be invited to meet together, or if thought desirable a congregational meeting be called – the delicacy of some of the details might make the letter objectionable – and the best course to pursue decided on.

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I spoke to the Heritage about it, coming in on the train this morning, and he thought by all means it should be agitated, and suggested it be brought up in prayer meeting, and this recital read. My idea would be that a communication, setting forth the facts, and signed by all the members of the Congregation, a full Congregational appeal, be sent, one to one member of Congress from one district, one to Senator Quay, whom I have read was brought up at a mother's knee, however deep he may now be in politics, and one to President Cleveland; and if he will take no notice of it, follow it up with one to President Harrison when he takes his seat – it might do no harm to add one each to one member and Senator at Harrisburg, and ask them to bring it before their respective bodies, in the shape of a Resolution, asking Congress to thoroughly investigate the whole

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matter. It seems to me if this was pushed by our united Church, and followed up by earnest prayer to God for His blessing on the Effort, from each individual member of the Church, it would not go without a blessing.

Some one of our many good people might suggest some better plan, but this came first to my mind, and I hastily jot it to you, while business waits. Hurriedly, but sincerely yours,

H. McCandlish.

State Normal School.
CLARION PA.
A. J DAVIS, – Principal.

Nov. 19 1888.

Dear Doctor Jackson;

Your letter of Oct. 30, is just received. I am well satisfied that you have concluded to remain at the helm. Harrison's election will change many things in Alaska and elsewhere.

I wish you could be appointed Commissioner of Education I would be willing, I think, to work in Alaska with you at the helm. If Gen. Harrison would be careful in his appointments, I think I could easily support him for reëlection. Can we not work for your appointment to the commissionership, and so get Alaska affairs into decent hands? I almost wish I had trained with the Republican party

so as to apply for the Governorship. With you at Washington and me on the Board of Education along with a few good men appointed by you, we could put affairs into favorable shape during the next administration. Should you be compelled to come home before the close of the present administration, I stand ready to hold the position until you can have things your own way under the new regime.

I am well satisfied with the result of the election. I think Gen. Harrison will be an excellent President.

Very truly Your Friend,
C. J. Davis.

Q 13399

Port Essington
Brit. Col.
Nov. 23. 88

Rev. S. Jackson D.D.

Dear Bro:—

I wrote you some time ago stating that Bishop Fowler never sent me the $70.00 for the Stone totem pole & sent him, but I hasten to write that by the last Boscowitz I receive a sealed package, which had been at Nanaimo for some months (unknown to me.), which contained the amount. So that makes that all straight. Did you receive your box of Carvings safely? I was so sorry I could not send them sooner

and by a more direct route.

I have often thought about keeping my promise to write for the "World's Star." But hitherto I have not found time to do anything in the writing line, more than I absolutely were compelled to do. I hardly think I will be able to this winter, now.

We are getting to feel at home here now. For some months after moving it seemed very strange to us. We rather like the place but it is a wicked one. So many fishermen (white) and men at work around the canneries who are often drunk and who go to all kinds in other sins.

Here it is much better on the

Whole but gains strength slowly. She joins me in kind regards to you.

Would you please write me ~~[illegible]~~ concerning openings for Indian missionary work in Washington Ter. or Oregon.

As I am thinking some of going there to labor if a field is open. I wish to get when it is a little ~~[illegible]~~ clearer than up here & in the U.S. if I can as I am by birth an American. Any information in the matter will be most thankfully received.

Yours in Christ
G.D.F. Hopkins.
Port Essington
B.C.

Port Essington B. C.
July 27. 1888

Rev. S. Jackson:
Dear Bro:—

I have been a long time in writing you, but I have been so busy getting settled in our new home that I was unable to do so sooner. Then I only completed the present collection the other day.

I think this lot on the whole rather dearer than the former, but they are filling more for them again. I found that the articles I spoke to you about had been sold before I could get word to the makers. There are seven pieces in all, which I have packed as securely as I could. They cost with freight from L. C. Jo. $49.50. I have 50¢ to give to the Indians who will take it to Port Chester so that it will complete the $50.00. Did you receive the other box all right with the stones, any of them broken in transit?

I have never received any word from Bishop Fowler in reference to the totem pole I sent him. It cost me $7.00 when shipped from Victoria.

Mrs. H. improves slowly but steadily. She begins to be able to attend to most of her house work now.

Could you send me two copies of the book called "Report on Education in Canada 1886." for two of our missionaries?

We have a very busy summer at this place. Fire Canneries on the river, when Indians are employed who come to us more or less ~~all the time~~ even day for medicine advice &c. Sundays are exceedingly busy days.

With kind regards from Mrs. H. & myself
I am
Yours Fraternally
Geo. H. Hopkins.

Direct to Skeena River B.C.
Port Essington
B.C.

P.S.

I failed to get any of the Port Chester Indians to take the box. They left rather unexpectedly in lieu of a steamer So I will send to Victoria to be transshipped to you from there I will use the O.S.C. towards the freight from here to Victoria.

G. H. H.

Aug 29.

I have at last after several fruitless attempts succeeded in getting a party to see to the box. being shipped from Victoria but it will cost me freight, wharfage, drayage &c. I hardly know what it will cost but will drop you a line when I know.

Metlakahtla Alaska

23 Nov. 1888

Dear Dr. Jackson

Your letter of the 1st inst reached me last night. It came from Fort Wrangel by Chief Shakes - who is paying us a visit.

We hope to see the Idaho here two weeks hence - and will have the lumber your order for Killisnoo School ready to ship by her.

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We are printing our first number of "The Nettlakahttan"
If it is ready in time for next Queen we shall send you a copy to Jurgen Harrison that you do for I suppose you will be going East by her.

We are having ~~[illegible]~~ tremendous gales of wind and several valuable canoes have been smashed by falling trees – but no serious accidents I am thankful to say.

Our New School frame is up – but owing to bad weather our progress in building

is very slow – still we are hoping to finish it before Christmas

Can you tell us if "Thanksgiving Day" has been appointed this year? We have seen no notice of it in the papers. Perhaps the authorities are waiting to get the Presidential Election over. If you can give us any information on the subject we shall be very glad. As I am anxious our people should learn to observe the Day.

Yours very sincerely
W Duncan

The Revd. Seldon Jackson
Sitka

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find Bill of Lading for 1 Cs Curios shipped on board the Str "Ancon" to your address. This box was handed to me by Mr Gust Holmes, Manager of the Brit. Amer. Packg. Co, Skeena River, for transportation to you, and no doubt you have been fully advised in the matter by Mr. Holmes himself

Yours respectfully
J. Engelhardt

Victoria B.C. 25 Sept. 1888

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The Rev. Robt. de Schweinitz.

Bethlehem, Pa., Nov. 26 1888.

The Revd Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Revd & dear Brother,

Hoping that you may have returned from Alaska and that a letter will reach you at Carlisle, I venture to address you at that place.

We are very anxious to have your kind advice in regard to our Mission and School work in Alaska. The reports of our Missionaries at Bethel & Carmel have been quite encouraging, and especially at Bethel a work of grace & awakening among the natives appears to have commenced. We find that it will be necessary to send additional labourers & teachers to both stations and hence have called for volunteers to go to Alaska the coming Spring. This will of course materially increase the expenses of the work, and hence we are anxious to ascertain what financial aid we may expect from the U. States Government. Would you advise us to apply directly to the Commissioner of Education at Washington or what steps had best be taken? Have you received the School Reports of Revd Wolff & Kilbuck? I have copies

Eut. Brown
Episcopalian

357, BENEFIT STREET,
PROVIDENCE, R. I.

November 28th 1888.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.
Sitka - Alaska.

My dear Sir:

You may possibly remember me as the bearer to you of a letter from Mr. Herbert Welsh of Philadelphia. I had the pleasure to call upon you when in Sitka last summer - about the 25th of July.

You told me among other things that you had been instrumental in securing

a division of Alaska among the various religious bodies of our country. I should be extremely obliged if you would inform me what districts or parts of Alaska have been taken by the several bodies indicating the territory of each. I can readily procure a map here and ascertain the location of the places you may mention

At the recent Missionary Council of the Episcopal Church the question of appointing a Bishop for Alaska was discussed and the matter

was temporarily postponed.

Your reply will very much oblige

Yours truly

John Nicholas Brown

PORTLAND, OREGON.

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San Francisco November 28, 1888.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. S. Hamilton, of Pittsburg, has sent us a list of instruments which he is endeavoring to make up to send to you for the use of some boys who wish to form a band. He desires us to send one or two instruments out of the list, expecting to get other dealers to contribute until the whole number is completed.

We, accordingly, send bythe steamer sailing on the 30th.,

1---------E flat---------Cornet, French piston,

1----------pair 12 inch Cymbals,

We contribute this with much pleasure and trust the whole set will be completed in time and that they will contribute to the enjoyment of the Indian boys.

Yours truly,

Kohler & Chase

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San Francisco